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FDIC APPROVES ASSUMPTION OF DEPOSITS OF
SOUTHWEST NATIONAL BANK, ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has approved the assumption of the deposits and other liabilities of Southwest National Bank, Albuquerque, New Mexico, by The Bank of New Mexico, Springer, Springer, New Mexico.

Southwest National Bank, with total assets of \$40.0 million, was closed on Thursday, February 21, 1991, by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and the FDIC was named receiver.

The failed bank's three offices will reopen on Friday, February 22, 1991, as branches of The Bank of New Mexico, Springer, and its depositors automatically will become depositors of the assuming bank.

The Bank of New Mexico, Springer will assume about \$35.8 million in 1,600 deposit accounts and will purchase approximately \$36.4 million of the failed bank's assets at a discount of \$2,990,000.

The Board of Directors approved the deposit assumption under its authority to do so whenever it determines that such a transaction will reduce the potential loss to the FDIC. The transaction will result in a lower cost to the FDIC than if the assets were held and liquidated in receivership. Additionally, because the assets and deposits will be administered by The Bank of New Mexico, Springer, the failed bank's customers will have the benefit of continuous uninterrupted service.

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